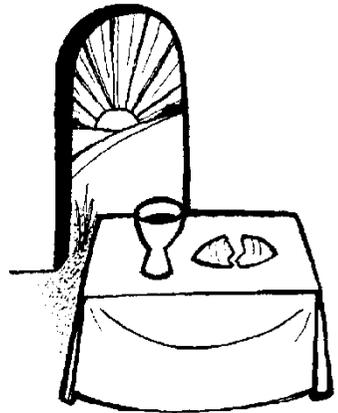
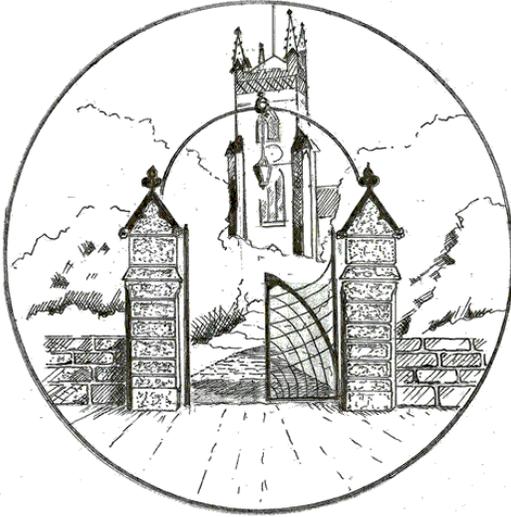
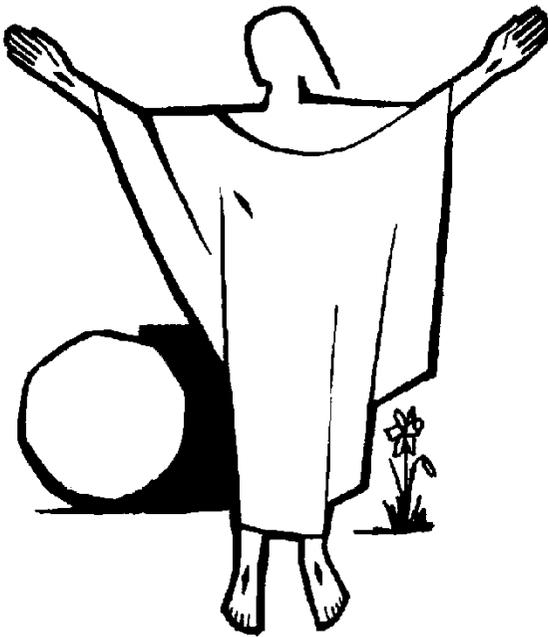


# Christ Church Lichfield



**Parish Eucharist  
during Easter**

**Welcome to  
Christ Church  
this Easter**



**We hope that you will enjoy the worship  
In this Easter season.**

**Please join in with the congregational responses  
which are printed in bold type.**

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# The Gathering

Welcome and notices

*We keep a time of silence to prepare for worship*

## **Opening hymn**

*please stand*

*during which the choir and ministers enter*

In the name of the Father;  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## ***The Greeting***

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you.

**and also with you.**



Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

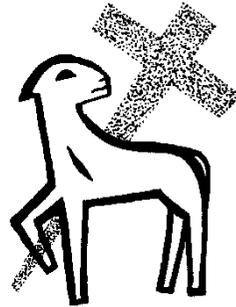
## ***Prayer of Preparation***

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## ***Prayers of Penitence***

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

*Please sit or kneel for confession*



### ***Confession***

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

### ***Absolution***

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Peruvian Gloria

*we stand to sing*

*Choir*

1 Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Fa - ther.  
2 Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Fa - ther.  
3 Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spi - rit.

*All*

1 Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Fa - ther.  
2 Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Fa - ther.  
3 Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spi - rit.

*Choir*

To God be glory for ev-er, To God be glory for ev-er,

*Choir*

Al-le-lu-ia, A-men, Al-le-lu-ia, A-men, Al-le-lu-ia, A-men, Al-le-lu-ia, A-men.

**OR**

### SING TO GOD

1 Sing to God a song of glo-ry, peace he brings to all on earth.  
2 Sing to Christ, the Lord and Saviour, seat-ed there at God's right hand.  
3 Glo-ry sing to God the Father, glo-ry to his on - ly Son,

Worship we the King of heaven; praise and bless his ho-ly name.  
Hear our prayer; O Lord have mer-cy, you a-lone the ho-ly one.  
Glo-ry to the Ho - ly Spi-rit, Glo-ry to the Three in One.

Glory, glory, sing his glo-ry; Glory be to God on high.

## The Collect

*A short time of silent prayer precedes the Collect of the day*

# The Liturgy Of The Word

## **Readings**

*A reading from either the Old or the New Testament  
at the end of the reading*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual hymn**

*Please stand*

## **Gospel Reading**

*We remain standing*

Alleluia, alleluia

Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life  
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

**Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

**Glory to you, O Lord.** (said)

The gospel reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.** (said)

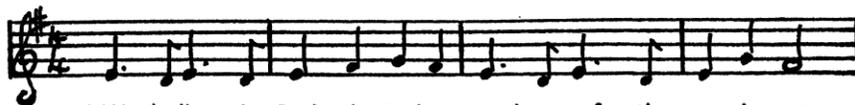


## **The Sermon**

*which may be followed by a time of silent reflection*

# SONG OF FAITH

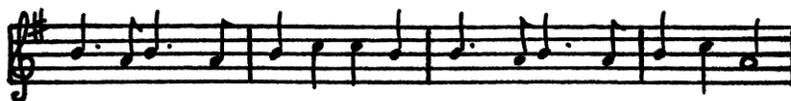
(we stand to sing)



1 We believe in God the Father, ma-ker of the un-i-verse,  
2 We believe he sends his Spi-rit on his Church with gifts of power;



and in Christ his Son, our Saviour, come to us by vir-gin birth.  
God, his word of truth af-firming, sends us to the nations now.



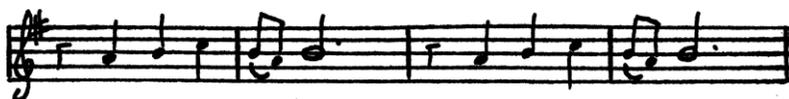
We believe he died to save us, bore our sins, was cru-ci-fied;  
He will come a-gain in glo-ry, judge the li-ving and the dead:



then from death he rose vic-to-rious, as-cen-ded to the Fa-ther's side.  
e-v'ry knee shall bow before him, then must ev'ry tongue con-fess.



JE-----SUS, LORD OF ALL,      JE-----SUS, LORD OF ALL; *(NOW SING  
VERSE 2)*



*(AFTER  
VERSE 2)*      NAME A-BOVE ALL NAMES,      NAME A-BOVE ALL NAMES!

## ***Prayers of Intercession***

*Please sit or kneel*

*One of the following responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear us

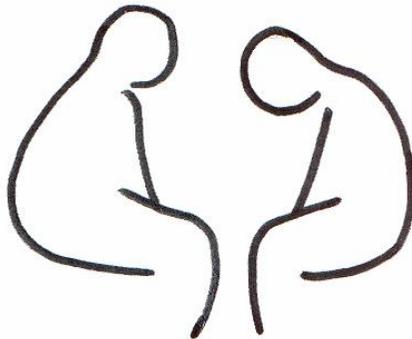
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Lord of life

**in your mercy, hear us.**

*And at the end*

**Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**



# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## ***The Peace***

*Please stand*

*The president introduces the peace using these or other suitable words*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

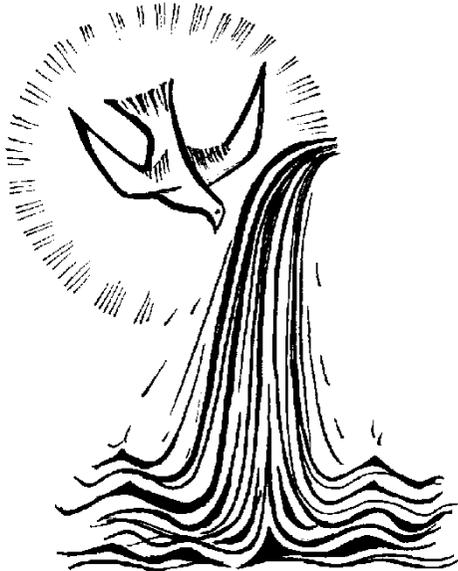
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

**Alleluia.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Please share the peace with those around you*



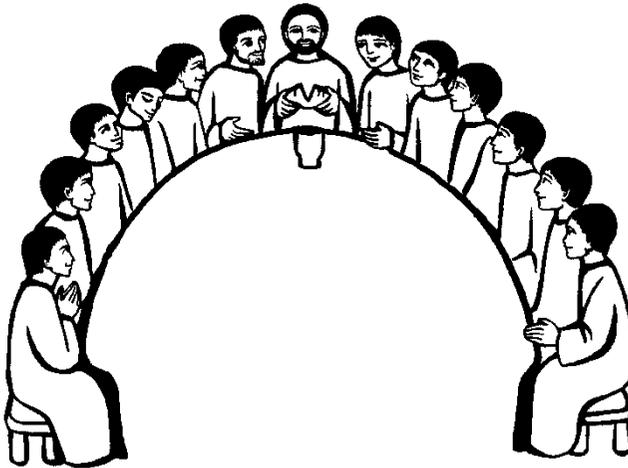
## ***Preparation of The Table***

### **The offertory hymn**

*during which a collection is taken, the bread and wine brought forward and the table prepared*

### ***Taking of the Bread and Wine***

Be present,  
**be present,**  
**Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**our risen high priest;**  
**make yourself known in the breaking of bread.**  
**Amen.**



## ***Eucharistic Prayer***

*The Eucharistic prayer will be announced*

*If you wish to follow the full text it can be found as follows*

- Prayer A      page 9
- Prayer B      page 12
- Prayer E      page 15

## ***Eucharistic Prayer A***

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise  
for the gospel we have received.

Christ died for our sins. Alleluia.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Death comes to all through Adam,  
and sin reigns for a time.

New life without end comes through Christ,  
and he reigns for ever. Alleluia.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Death, where is your victory?

Death, where is your sting?

Death is swallowed up in victory,  
the victory you give us in Christ. Alleluia.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

We have been crucified with Christ,  
and live his risen life,

to praise you for ever with angels and archangels,

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, God of power and might;  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho-san-na in the high-est.  
Bless-ed is he - who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood:

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**



Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*the service continues with the Lord's Prayer on page 17*



## ***Eucharistic Prayer B***

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks  
because Christ our paschal sacrifice  
has made us children of light,  
rising to new and everlasting life.

He has opened the gates of heaven  
to receive his faithful people.

His death is our ransom from death,  
his resurrection is our rising to new life.

the joy of the resurrection renews the whole world,  
while the choirs of heaven sing for ever to your glory.



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, God of power and might;



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho-san-na in the high-est.



Bless-ed is he - who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Christ is the bread of life:  
**When we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory**

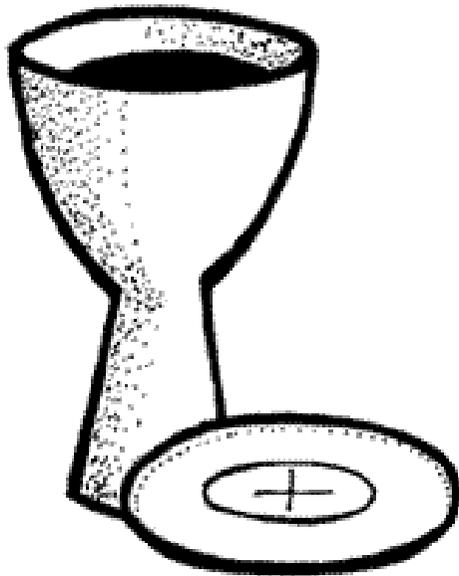
So, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.



Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*the service continues with the Lord's Prayer on page 17*



## ***Eucharistic Prayer E***

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, God of power and might;  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho-san-na in the high-est.  
Bless-ed is he - who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.



On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:  
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*the service continues with the Lord's Prayer on page 17*



## ***The Lord's Prayer***

Rejoicing in God's new creation

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

*Please sit or kneel*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## ***Breaking of the Bread***

Jesus says,  
I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats this bread  
will live for ever.  
**Lord our hearts  
hunger for you  
give us this bread always.**

**OR**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many  
we are one body  
because we all share  
in one bread.**

## ***Agnus Dei***

*the Agnus Dei is sung*



## ***Giving of Communion***

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*We receive communion during which hymns or songs may be sung*

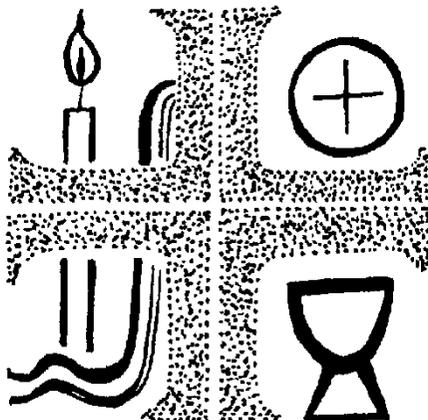
*Authorised words of distribution are used and the communicant replies*  
**Amen.**

*We invite all those who receive communion in their own churches to come forward for communion.*

*If you do not wish to receive communion please feel free to come forward for a blessing. You may indicate this by keeping your hands at your side.*

*Because the chalices are deep, please help the chalice assistant by guiding the chalice when receiving the wine.*

***The choir may sing an anthem after the distribution of communion.***



## ***Prayer after Communion***

*A Post Communion Prayer is said.*

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

### **Final Hymn**

*Please stand*

### ***Blessing***

*The president gives a final blessing using these or other suitable words*

God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

He is not here, he is risen  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

**In the name of Christ.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**





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1. Raise the alarm - this may be by shouting
2. Call the Fire Service: 999. The church postcode is WS13 8AY
3. If possible, tackle the fire

Otherwise

4. Leave the building immediately by the nearest safe exit
5. Go to the church hall car park  
(from church turn right onto Christ Church Lane)
6. If you believe anyone to be missing or injured, make sure that you inform a Fire Officer or a member of Safety Services immediately

